

**CALFRESH REQUEST FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION****PI# 18-44**

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**Please note:** the policy interpretation provided is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be assumed to apply in all scenarios.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO:		5. DATE OF REQUEST:	NEED RESPONSE BY:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		04/12/2018	04/19/2018
2. REQUESTOR NAME:		6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION:	
		Santa Barbara County	
3. PHONE NO.:		7. SUBJECT:	
EMAIL:		CalGrant A or B	
4. REGULATION CITE(S):		8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). ACL 17-05	

## 9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Scenario: We have seen a case in our county where the student was approved Cal Grant A and the CAR report showed parent/students income over \$50,000. We have also seen a case in our county where the CAR report did not show the parents/students yearly income.

## Question:

- 1) Is it necessary to have verification that the parent/students income is \$50,000 or less when allowing the Cal Grant A or B exemption?
- 2) If the CAR report does not have the parent/students yearly income, can we take an affidavit from the student?

## 10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Per ACL 17-05, it states: To verify whether the student meets the third requirement, parental and/or student income of \$50,000 a year or less, CWDs should reference the student's California Aid Report.

- 1) Yes. It is necessary to verify that the parent/student income is less than \$50,000.
- 2) If the CAR report does not have the parent/students income information, we can take an affidavit from the student.

## 11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

The CDSS concurs with the first proposed answer based on the given scenario. As a TANF Cal Grant eligibility requirement for student exemption it is necessary to verify that the parental and/or student income is \$50,000 or less a year, per ACL 17-05.

In a case where the student's California Aid Report does not show the parental/student's income and the CWD has exhausted all other methods of verifying parental/student income, an affidavit from the parent/student is acceptable.

**FOR CDSS USE**

DATE RECEIVED:  
April 13, 2018

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:  
April 18, 2018 EB